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Docket No.: 54404US008

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: RAYMOND P JOHNSTON, MATTHEW T. SCHOLZ, STEVEN B. HEINECKE AND CHARLES A. HENTZEN

Application No.: 09/961,091      Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: January 14, 2002      Examiner: K. Lewis

Title: MEDICAL ARTICLE HAVING A FLUID CONTROL FILM

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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed October 7, 2003, in the above-identified application, and includes:

- Amendments to the Specification (page 2);
- Listing of Claims (page 4)
- Remarks (page 8);
- Conclusion (page 9).

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